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DX news by DX WORLD.net

Perilous state of Amateur Radio in Algeria

Vlad, UA4WHX came in touch and wanted to convey to the DX World a serious problem to occur within ARA. See <http://dx-world.net/perilous-state-of-amateur-radio-in-algeria/>

3C and 3C0 Equatorial Guinea and Annobon

Update by Tom KC0W

I'm in Equatorial Guinea until January 27th trying to obtain licensing for the 3C and 3C0 DXpeditions. (Equatorial Guinea & Annobon). I arrived here on the 17th & immediately started meeting with the licensing authorities. Quicker progress would be made if I "downsized" these proposed 60+ day DXpeditions to a shorter period of time. I hope to have some good news soon but this is probably pretty optimistic thinking.

DXCC

This week on HF

3B8, MAURITIUS Paul, G8AFC will be operating as 3B8HE from February 1 until April 5. Activity from 40 to 6 meter. QSL via home call.

4S, SRI LANKA Peter, DC0KK is once again operating as 4S7KKG until April. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

6W, SENEGAL Michel, F6AFH is active as 6W7SS until April. QSL via home call.

6W, SENEGAL

J5, GUINEA-BISSAU

Peter, HA3AUI is once again operating as 6W2SC and as J5UAP until March 5. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW, other modes on request. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW.

A3, TONGA Tack JE1CKA, Miho JJ2VLY and Yutaka JQ2GYU are operating as A35W together with Hiro JA6WFM as A31MM until January 31. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. An entry in 160 meter contest is included. QSL via JJ2VLY for A35W, for A31MM via EA5GL, LoTW, log search on Club Log.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE Johannes, PD0JBH is QRV as C91PA until March. Operation during his spare time mostly on 40 and 20 meter using SSB. QSL via LoTW.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISL Dick, AD7AF is operating in 'holiday-style' as E51WWA until January 27. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

EA8, CANARY ISL Uli, DJ9BN is operating as EA8/call until February 5. QRV from 30 to 10 meter using CW with some SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

FG, GUADELOUPE Christian, F5UII will be operating as FG/call during February. Operation on HF using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

FG, GUADELOUPE Herve, F5HRY is QRV as FG/call until February 2. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Pierre, F6ITD is operating as TO7D until March 9. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW or via home call, direct.

HC, ECUADOR Rick, NE8Z is once again active as HC2MD until February 9. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via K8LJG, direct and LoTW.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD will be QRV as HR5/call from January 27 until April 24. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F6AJA.

J7, DOMINICA David KK4WW and Gaynell KK4WWW are active as J79WW, J79WWW and J79USA until February 1. QSL via N4USA.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is operating as call/JD1. Operation during his spare until March 15. Operation from 20 to 6 meter using CW and RTTY. QSL via JG8NQJ bureau or via JA8CJY direct.

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4WM is active as P4/call until January 30. QRV with a focus on the low bands. Participation in CQ 160 CW as P40AA. QSL via home call.

PJ2, CURACAO Jeff, K8ND is active as PJ2/call until February 1. Operation during the CQ WW 160m CW contest from the PJ2T station. QSL via home call, LoTW.

PJ2, CURACAO Joeke, PA0VDV will be active as PJ2/call from February until end March. Operation using CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC The Italian DXpedition Team will be operating as TL8TT from February 1 until February 14. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB with some RTTY. QSL via I2YSB direct, OQRS and LoTW.

<http://www.i2ysb.com/idt/>

TF, ICELAND Alex, DL1NX is active in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter as TF/call. Operation until January 26. QSL via LoTW.

TU, IVORY COAST Look for Bertrand DF3FS, Norbert DJ7JC and Heye DJ9RR as TU5MH. Operation until February 2. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via DJ5BWD, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <http://tu5mh.com/>

TZ, MALI Laurent, F5IXR is QRV as TZ5XR until February. Activity from 160 to 6 meter during his spare time. QSL via F5MXH.

V3, BELIZE Paul, VE3AXT is once again operating as V31AX until March 17. QSL via M0URX, OQRS.

V3, BELIZE Rich, K8NDS is active as V31RF until February 6. Operation on 40, 20 and 17 meter using SSB. QSL via K8NDS direct.

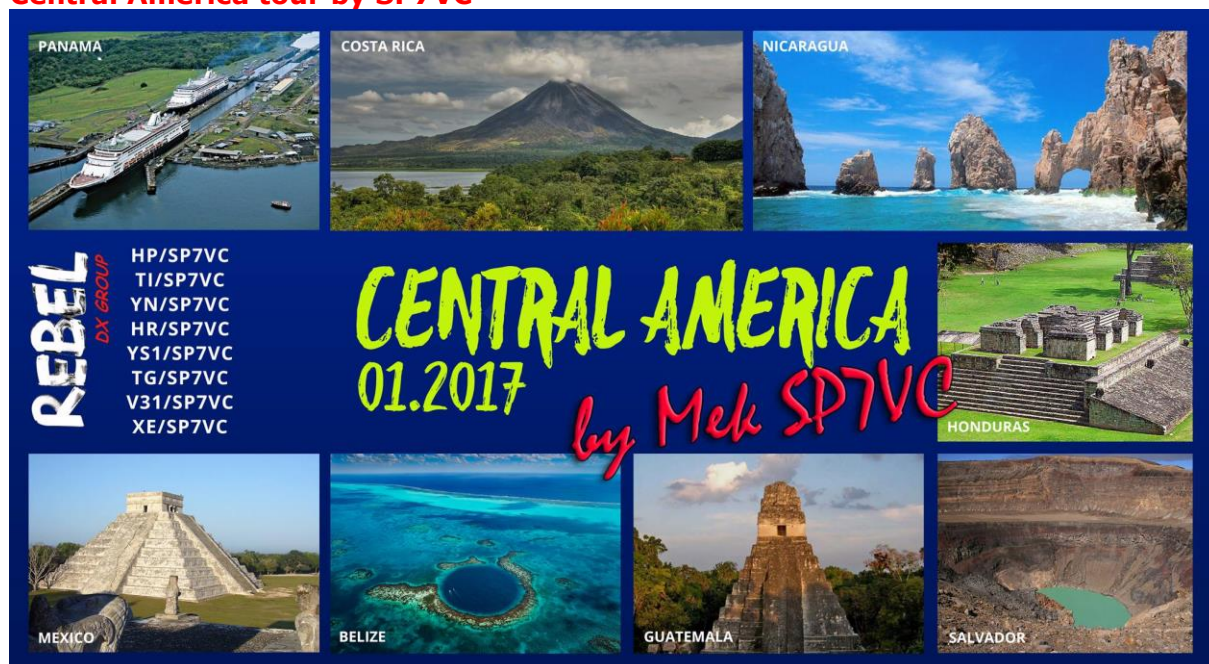
VP8, FALKLANDS Look for Dave VP8CLE and Carol VP8DKW until January 30. Operation mainly on 160 and 80 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via G1OCN, direct only

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS Steve, W3HF is QRV as VQ9HF until January 27. Operation during his spare time from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, LoTW.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Stan K5GO is active as ZF9CW from Cayman Brac until February 23. Stan says "During this trip I will plan to operate the CQ WW 160 Meter Contest (high power) and the ARRL CW DX Contest (low power).

In between contests I will concentrate on 160 Meters and if I get the RX antenna up and working will welcome schedules from rare zones and countries who might need ZF or Zone 8 on topband. There will be plenty of opportunity to work me if you are in Europe or JA in the CQ 160 Contest or during other activity between contests."

Central America tour by SP7VC



Coming up soon

9X, RWANDA Harald DF2WO (XT2AW, D44TWO) will visit Rwanda between February 3 and March 11. Activity using mainly digital modes and CW. He will operate from Kigali as 9X2AW. QSL via M0OXO.

E5, NORTH COOK This DXpedition commemorates the launch of a new non-profit supporting charitable works by DXpeditions. E51AMF will be active from February 8 until February 18. As with the North Cooks, will also focus on EU, ATNO, and QSO rates. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. <http://amateurfoundation.org/>
<http://e51amf.amateurfoundation.org/>

FG, GUADELOUPE Jose, KB1TCD will be QRV as FG/call from February 2 until February 8. Operation on 40, 17 and 15 meter using low power. QSL via home call.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA Leo, PP1CZ will once again be QRV as PY0F/PP1CZ from February 3 until February 8. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OQRS.

Antarctic base stations

Carlini Base Juan, LU4CJM is on this South Shetland base until end February as LU1ZI or as LU4CJM/Z on 80, 40 and 20 meter.

Dumont d'Urville Station Francois, F4HLT is active for one year at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017). In his spare time he will be QRV as FT3YL. His licence is valid until February 1, 2018. QSL via F6KPQ. <https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>

Machu Picchu Base Look for OA0MP until March 31. QSL via OA4O.

Molodezhnaya base Oleg, ZS1OIN is active as RI1ANA until April. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

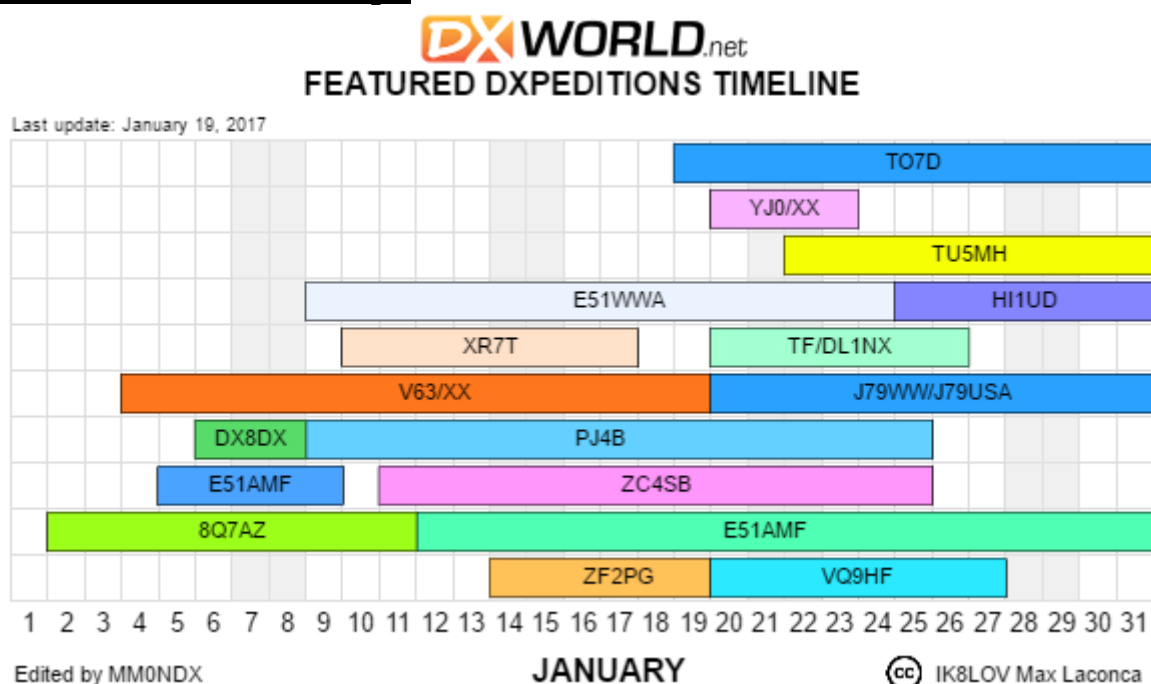
Neumayer Station III Felix, DL5XL is active as DP1POL until February. Operation on HF using mainly CW and digital modes. QSL via DL1ZBO, bureau or direct, LoTW. Daniel, DL1SU, works as an electronics engineer at the base. He uses the club call sign DP0GVN until February 2018. QSL cards for DP0GVN will be handled by DL5EBE, direct or via the bureau.

Novolazarevskaya station Mike, RW1AI is active as KC4/N2TA until end February. Operation from 80 to 20 meter.

Syowa research station Yath, JG2MLI is operating as 8J1RL until January 2018. In addition, to mark the 60th anniversary of Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions, Yath will also use the call 8J60JARE. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via bureau and LoTW, for direct via JG2MLI.

Vostok Station Alex, RD1AV is once again operating as RI1ANC until mid-February 2018. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

DX Timeline by **DX**WORLD.net



IOTA

The IOTA'S marked with a yellow box are claimed by less than 25% of IOTA participants. These IOTAs are rather rare. Follow the link to find out more.

This week on HF

AF-090 Sainte Marie Isl Eric, F6ICX is once again operating as 5R8IC until February 4. QRV on HF using mostly CW from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, LoTW, logsearch and OQRS Club Log.

EU-063 Hopen Isl Erik, LA2US is operating as JW2US for a 5 month stint until June. Operation around the IOTA frequencies using CW during his spare time. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU063>

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl Look for VY0ERC until early April. QSL via M0OXO OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA008>

NA-092 South Padre Isl Look for N5A until February 1. W2IQW and AC0QG are active to promote and participate in the Winter Field Day. QSL via AC0QG. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA092>

NA-122 Beata Isl A team is operating as HI1UD until February 1. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via W2CCW. <http://beatadxpedition2017.org/UD/> <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA122>

North Borneo IOTA tour by YB3MM/7

OC-166 Nunukan Isl January 26 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc166>

OC-166 Tarakan Isl January 27-29 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc166>

Adhi, YB3MM will be operating from these IOTA's until January 29 with low power and a multiband vertical. Focus will be on 20 and 30 meter if propagation is poor. QSL via IZ8CCW direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

OC-196 Gabo Isl Graig, VK5CE will be active as call/3 from January 31 until February 1. Focus on 20 meter but also during openings on 15, 17, 30 and 40 meter. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, logsearch and OQRS on Club Log.

<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC196>

<https://oc196.wordpress.com/>

Coming up soon

AS-072 Lalang Isl A large Malaysian team will be operating as 9M4LI between February 3 and February 5. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via 9W2NDQ.

<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS072>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

9N, NEPAL Members of the newly formed EI DX Group will be operating as 9N7EI from March 8 until March 20. Operation with up to 5 stations from 80 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS. <https://9n7ei.com/>

H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE Stan, LZ1GC will once again be QRV as H40GC between October 3 and October 17. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.c21gc.com/>

PJ5, SABA & ST EUSTATIUS

PJ6, SABA & ST EUSTATIUS

PJ7, ST MAARTEN

Frank, PH2M will be QRV between May 19 and June 4. More to follow.

T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI Chris, VK3FY will be active as T30T from Tarawa, Kiribati. Activity in December, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

TI, COSTA RICA Krisztian HA5XA and Marta HA9WM will be QRV between February 15 and March 1. Operation in 'holiday-style' on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via homecalls.

V4, ST JITTS & NEVIS Thaire, W2APF will be operating as V47JR from March 18 until April 1. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF Hawk SM5AQ and Rob N7QT are planning a DXpedition this November. Currently working to obtain landing rights and a VK0M callsign. A team of 8 operators will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. More to follow.

YJ, VANUATU Look once again for YJ0GA from July 6 until July 13. Operation in 'holiday-style' with efforts to look for 20 and 30 meter for Western Europe. All QSL donations will be used to support the children at the Little Lights Preschool. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

3Y, BOUVET ISL A large team led by Bob K4UEE, Erling LA6VM and Ralph K0IR will be operating from the most remote place on earth. The DXpedition is taking place early 2018. <http://www.dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>

<http://www.bouvetdx.org/>

5U, NIGER A large team will be QRV as 5U5R from March 8 until March 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via EA5RM.

<http://www.dxfriends.com/5u5r/index.php>

9G, GHANA A team of 6 operators will be active as 9G5X during March. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO OQRS, LoTW.

<http://www.ossett.net/9G5X/index.html>

A2, BOTSWANA A large team led by Nobby G0VJG will be QRV as A25UK during early spring 2017. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY.

More to follow. QSL via M0OXO. <https://www.prismembroidery.co.uk/dxexp/a25uk/>

CE0Y, EASTER ISL Michael, DF8AN will be active as CE0Y/call between February 10 and February 17. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call.

CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ Michael, DF8AN will be QRV from Robinson Crusoe Isl as CE0Z/call from February 21 until February 24. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call.

E5, SOUTH COOKS Doug, W6HB will once again be QRV as E51DLD between April 28 and May 3. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

E5, SOUTH COOK Dom, M1KTA will be operating as E51KTA between March 10 and March 19. Operation during his spare time.

FG, GUADELOUPE Gildas F6HMQ and Michel F6GWV will be QRV as FG/calls between February 24 and March 13. Operation on HF with an entry in the ARRL DX SSB contest as TO3Z.

FO, AUSTRAL ISL Madison W5MJ together with VE7KW, VA7DX and W5RF will be operating from Raivavae Isl as TX5T between February 20 and March 2. Focus on low bands if propagation allows. <http://www.australs2017.com/>

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Look once again for FP/KV1J between July 4 and July 18. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mostly SSB and RTTY with some CW. QSL via LoTW.

<http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July17.html>

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Look for G8OFQ, KG0YL, VK2BXE and WB2REM will be operating as HD8M between September 14 and September 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log OQRS.

HK0, SAN ANDRES Tim LW9EOC will be operating with WJ2O, AA4NC, AJ9C and HK6F as 5J0NA between February 13 and February 27. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with a focus on the low bands and WARC bands. QSL via LW9EOC.

KH1, BAKER & HOWLAND ISL A team with Paul N6PSE, Dave K3LP, Aleksey UA4HOX and team leader Hrane YT1AD are planning a large DXpedition to Baker Isl. The plan is to be active somewhere between September and October 2017. The team will be composed with members of WWDX, Intrepid DXers and other interested amateurs.

KH2, GUAM Santos, EA4AK will be operating as AH2P from March 29 until April 17. Efforts will be made on the bands/nodes that are needed most. QSL via LoTW, OQRS Club Log.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Ismo, OH2IS will be operating in 'holiday-style' as PJ7/call. Activity between February 17 and February 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using mostly CW with some SSB and perhaps RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Philip, WA2ZAM will once again be active as PJ7PL from March 18 until April 3. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 30 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via WA1ZAM.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA from February 15 until March 17. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA Erwin, PY2QI will be operating as call/PY0F between February 15 and February 21. QRV on HF using CW. QSL via home call, direct only.

PY0T, TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLAND A DXpedition is planned during 2018. More to follow.

T2, TUVALU Jacek SP5EAQ and Marek SP7DQR will be operating as T2AQ and T2QR (pending) from March 14 for about 3 weeks. Operation from 80 to 10 meter with Jacek running SSB and Marek CW and digital modes. <http://tuvalu.sp7dqr.pl/>

T8, PALAU Japanese operators JM1LIG/T88FM, JL1HYH/T88HY, JO3LVG/T88MK, JI6NCY/T88NC, JA6UBY/T88RR and JH6DUL/T88VV will be active between June 16 and June 23. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via homecalls.

T8, PALAU Noburo, JH1OLB will be active as T88DT between February 17 and February 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

TU, IVORY COAST A 12-man team from Radio-club de Provins F6KOP will be operating between March 9 and March 19. Callsign pending. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via F1ULQ, direct or bureau, LoTW and OQRS.

<https://tu2017dx.wordpress.com/>

V3, BELIZE Victor, WB0TEV will be operating as V31VP from February 9 until February 14. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using mostly SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

V3, BELIZE Art, NN7A will be QRV as V31JZ/P between February 15 and February 21. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

V3, BELIZE Look for Mike W0MU as V31MU between February 14 and February 28, he will be joined by Jonathan G0DVJ as V31DV between February 14 and February 24. QSL for V31MU via home call, OQRS Club Log and LoTW. QSL for V31DV via home call.

V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS Bryan N8WD and Tom K4ZGB will be operating as V4/call between February 14 and February 20. QSL via homecalls direct, LoTW.

V6, MICRONESIA Sho, JA7HMZ will be QRV as V63DX from February 17 until February 24. Activity on HF and during the ARRL CW contest as V6A. QSL via home call, direct.

V6, MICRONESIA Susume, JA6REX will once again be operating as V633KS from March 19 until April 3. Activity on 80 and 160 meter. QSL via home call.

V7, MARSHALL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will once again be QRV as V73XG from April 5 until April 13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISL A team with Uwe DJ9HX, Erno DK2AMM, Hans DL5JGN and Ronald PA3EWP will be active as VP6EU between February 16 and March 5. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via DK2AMM direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS on Club Log. <http://www.pitcairn2017.de/>

XX9, MACAU A German team with Bom XX9LT, Werner DJ9KH, Guenter DL2AWG, Dietmar DL2HWA, Bert DL2RNS, Juergen DL3HRH, George DL4SVA, Paul DL5CW, Wolf DM2AUJ, Sid DM2AYO and Rolf DL7VEE will be active from February 13 until February 26. Activity with 3 stations as XX9D from 80 to 10 meter, 160 might be possible, used modes will be CW, SSB and RTTY. <http://xx9d.mydx.de/>

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Al, KZ3AB will operate from Grand Cayman as ZF2AB from April 29 until May 6. Operation on HF. QSL via WA3EOP.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Kan, JJ2RCJ will be operating as ZF2CJ from March 20 until March 24. Activity from the ZF1A shack from 80 to 6 meter using mostly RTTY. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

Announced IOTA

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THE NEWCOMERS

AS-039 Commander Isl A group will be active during July-August 2017 as RI0Z. Commander Islands — an archipelago of four Islands in the South-Western part of the Bering sea of the Pacific ocean. The administrative part of the Aleut district of the Kamchatka Krai of Russia. The island is named after who discovered them in 1741, Explorer commander Vitus Bering. In the team's plans included visiting the most remote Islands – Mednyj (Copper). Island remote from the American Aleutian Islands at a distance of 190 miles. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS039>

NA-019 Kodiak Isl Chris, VK3FY will be operating as KL7/call during July, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA019>

SA-024 Castilho Isl PX2CA <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA024>
SA-047 Figueira Isl ZZ5FI <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA047>
Look for PY2AE, PY2DS, PY2VOX and PU2POP from those IOTA's on March 2 and March 3.

SA-024 Comprida Isl Look for ZW2R during the South America Lighthouse Weekend between February 17 and February 19. QSL via PY2LCD, direct or bureau, LoTW.
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA024>

THE REMINDERS

AF-094 Rachgoun Isl The Algerian Amateur Radio Union is planning a trip to AF-094 with the call 7Y94I. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF094>

AS-071 Arakamchechen Isl The Russian Robinson Club is announcing an IOTA DXpedition to AS-071 as R71RRC. Full details to follow. QSL via UA3AKO, OQRS, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS071>

AS-054 Fernliya Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS054>

AS-121 Tyrtov Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS121>

AS-104 Nansena Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS104>

AS-068 Skott-Gansena Isl <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS068>

The RT9K team is planning their next trip to the Arctic starting February 14. They want to set up 3 stations from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RX9KM. <https://yadi.sk/i/9ZxIEaf8x4SYz>

AS-069 Iony Isl A Russian Robinson Team with R7AL, RA1ZZ, RW5D and RK8A will be QRV as RI0C during the second half of July 2017. Operation on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital mode. <http://www.iony2017.com/eng>
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS069>

AS-182 Mon Region group <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as182>

AS-183 Tenasserim Region North group
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as183>

AS-184 Preparis Channel group <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as184>
Derek G3KHZ, Hans SM6CVX, Nils SM6CAS, Ulrika SM7WYN and Eddy K5WQG will be operating from 3 new Iota groups. Dates to be announced. The plan is to stay 6 days on each island and operate using CW, SSB and RTTY. More to follow.

NA-061 Kaïen Isl Mike, VE7ACN will be QRV as VE7ACN/7 from March 21 until March 26. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA061>

NA-079 Dry Tortugas Nelson NE4LS and John KE4IDW will be operating as N4T between April 21 and April 24. Activity on HF using CW and SSB with low power. QSL via NE4LS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA079>

NA-173 Charlton Isl A team with VA2AMH, VE2MBT, VE2SSS, VE2WHZ and VE2YAG will be active as VY0/VA2NDX from July 28 until July 30. Operation on HF before and after the IOTA contest. QSL via F4BHW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA173>

OC-151 Flores Isl Leo, YC9MLL will be QRV from Flores in July. Operation on 15 and 20 meter, maybe 40 meter. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC151>

OC-177 Seribu Isl An Indonesian team will be operating as YE0S from March 20 until March 27. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS. More on QRZ.com. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC177>

OC-198 North Isl Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/8 from October 12 until October 16. This is a super rare IOTA. More on <https://oc198.wordpress.com/>
<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc198>

Craig mentions 'THIS WILL BE ONE OF MY MOST ADVENTUROUS AND EXCITING ONE MAN DXPEDITIONS EVER. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BRING THIS ON THE AIR SINCE 2011 AND SO I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE AIR'.

OC-226 Mwokil Isl Mami, JP3AYQ is planning a trip to the rare IOTA's of V6. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc226>

OC-267 Marion Reef Andrey, VK5MAV will be QRV as VK9MAV end May –June 2017. QSL via Club Log OQRS, RN3RQ via bureau and LoTW.
<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc267>

Special call

THE NEWCOMERS

4X, ISRAEL Look for **4X0B** from the baptism site of Qasr al-Yahud on the banks of the Jordan River on January 28. QSL via 4X6ZM.

DL, GERMANY Operators of the club station DL0VBG from the railway museum Vienenburg are active as **DR0HARZ** during 2017 to mark the 25th anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway. QSL via DF7AA, direct or bureau.

HA, HUNGARY Special call **HG14HST** is active to promote the 14th IARU High Speed Telegraphy World Championship that will be held in Esztergom, Hungary on September 8-12. QSL via HA2NA and LoTW. <http://www.hst2017.org/en/>

LA, NORWAY **LM10HAM** is the special call to mark the Norsk Hammeeting 2017. Activity until April 2. QSL via LA2G, direct or bureau, LoTW.

OM, SLOVAK REP **OM42KYSUCE** is active to mark the 42nd ARDF Kysuca Cup. Activity until end June. QSL via OM3CND, bureau or direct.

UA2, KALININGRAD **R1336FO** and **R680FBO** are operating until April 20 to celebrate the 680th anniversary of the city of Chernyakhovsk. QSL via R2FBO.

UN, KAZAKHSTAN **UP28UA, UP28UAS, UP28UBA, UP28UCL, UP28UCS, UP28UFS, UP28UIH, UP28UNC, UP28USB, UP28USJ, UP28USK, UP28USS** and **UP28UST** will be active from January 28 until February 8. This to mark the XXVIII Winter Universiade. See <http://aarsk.kz/> for information on the award programme. Paper QSLs via DL8KAC.

W, USA The "KB7QPS Air, Space and Technology Operating Event "is commemorating man's historical milestones in air, space and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve callsigns (see below) during 2017. QSL direct to KB7QPS.
<http://airspacetechnology.webs.com/>

Callsign	SES Title	Event Dates
N6R	3 Generations of Mars Rovers	1/19/17 - 1/23/17
W7J	Discovery of Jupiter's Moons	2/2/17 - 2/6/17
W7C	First Flight of the Concorde	3/2/17 - 3/6/17
N7S	First Space Shuttle Launch	4/13/17 - 4/17/17
N7T	Hubble Space Telescope	5/18/17 - 5/22/17
W7S	Discovery of Sunspots	6/8/17 - 6/12/17
N7M	Man Walking on the Moon	7/20/17 - 7/24/17
K7I	Birth of the IBM-PC	8/10/17 - 8/14/17
W7F	First Flight of the F-22	9/7/17 - 9/11/17
K7S	Sputnik Launch	9/28/17 - 10/2/17
K7E	Invention of the Electron Tube	11/9/17 - 11/13/17
W7D	Dreamliner First Flight	12/14/17 - 12/18/17

THE REMINDERS

9H, MALTA Special call **9H2017EU** celebrates the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Activity until June. QSL via 9H1SP, direct only.

9N, NEPAL Satish, 9N1AA will be operating as **9N1MD** during April. This to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Mediterraneo DX Club. QSL via IZ1BVZ.

DL, GERMANY Members of the DARC group Butzbach (DOK F71) are celebrating their 30th anniversary as **DR30BUT**. Activity until February. QSL via DK7LX direct or OQRS Club Log.

DL, GERMANY **DR60VKL** is the special call to mark the 60th anniversary of the DARC ARC Voelklingen. Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Special calls **DR500MLE**, **DR1517LU**, **DR5LUTHER**, **DC500LS**, **DM5LUTHER** and **DL500ML** are QRV during 2017 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther.

DL, GERMANY **DR60SAL** is the special call to celebrate the reunification of Saarland with the Fed. Rep of Germany 60 years ago. Operation during 2017. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Operators of the ARC Wittenberg (DOK W29) will be operating as **DR1517LU** during 2017. This to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY The DARC club Marsberg (DOK O53) is celebrating its 30th anniversary until June with the special call **DL0MHD**. QSL via bureau.

EI, IRELAND The following nine special event calls are drawing attention to Ireland's "Wild Atlantic Way" along the island's western coast during 2017.

EI11WAW - County Donegal

EI22WAW - County Leitrim

EI33WAW - County Sligo

EI44WAW - County Mayo

EI55WAW - County Galway

EI66WAW - County Clare

EI77WAW - County Limerick

EI88WAW - County Kerry

EI99WAW - County Cork

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

F, FRANCE The Association Mosellane des Radio Amateurs is active as **TM57H**, **TM57A**, **TM57N** and **TM57D** until January 29 for the 25th World Men's Handball Championship held in France. QSL via F-11734.

GM, SCOTLAND **GB2KW** will be operating during January 2017. The station uses an assortment of gear made by KW Electronics Ltd during the 60s and 70s. QSL via LoTW.

HA, HUNGARY The MTTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radioklub is using the call **HG17EYOF** until August 31 to celebrate the European Youth Olympic Festival (a biennial multi-sport event for youth athletes from the 48 member countries of the association of European Olympic Committees) which will be held in Gyor on 23-29 July. QSL direct only to MTTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radioklub, Gyor, Nagysandor Jozsef u. 27, 9027, Hungary.

I, ITALY Look for **II3CV** by the Extreme DX and Contest Group, this to celebrate the Carnival of Venice. Operation between February 11 and February 28. QSL via IK3HHX, direct or bureau, logsearch on Club Log.

JA, JAPAN **8J6HAM** marks the 16th West Japan Ham Fair until March 5. QSL via bureau.

LA, NORWAY **LA30EUDXF** is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the European DX Foundation until March. QSL via PA1AW. <http://www.eudxf.eu/eudxf30-award/>

LA, NORWAY **LM80REX** and **LM80Q** are the special calls during 2017 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via LA9VDA.

LZ, BULGARY Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use twelve special calls throughout 2017 to honor as many different Bulgarian saints: **LZ552SGO** (January), **LZ235SIR** (February), **LZ303MA** (March), **LZ303SA** (April), **LZ395SG** (May), **LZ121SBS** (June), **LZ284SKD** (July), **LZ55UPB** (August), **LZ100SK** (September), **LZ251MKP** (October), **LZ307MU** (November) and **LZ710SG** (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2017" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com>.

OH, FINLAND Taking part in the celebrations of Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state, amateur radio clubs around the country will activate the special

call **OF100FI/#** (where # is the number of the call area, from 0 to 9). Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

OM, SLOVAK REP Pavel, OM3CND will use **OM685RADOLA** to celebrate the 685th anniversary of the town Radol'a. Activity during 2017. QSL via OM3CND.

ON, BELGIUM Members of the Belgian Radio Club ONZ will be operating during 2017 as **OP17HC**. This to commemorate the First World War. QSL via ON7PP.

<http://uba.be/en/latest/flash/uba-14-18-award>

ON, BELGIUM OR100LCI is the special call in the celebrations for the Lions Club International centennial. Operation until March. Activity on all bands using SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via ON8ZL, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

OZ, DENMARK OZ44C marks Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki Expedition (LI2B/mm) 70 years ago. QRV until the end of 2017. QSL via 5P2BA, direct or bureau.

OZ, DENMARK The Danish radio club Eksperimenterende Danske Radio-amatoere (EDR) will celebrate its 70th anniversary with the special event calls **5P90EDR**, **OV90EDR**, **OX90EDR**, **OZ90EDR**, **OZ7D** (only in JT-modes) during 2017. An award will also be available. QSL via OZ1ACB, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

OZ, DENMARK To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Treaty of the Danish West Indies, special call **OZ100DVI** will be active during 2017. In 1917 the Dansk Vest-Indien were sold to the United States and renamed the US Virgin Islands. QSL via OZ1IVA, direct or bureau.

S5, SLOVENIA Look for **S557E** during 2017 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Radio Club Cerkno (S50E). QSL confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW, direct via S500.

SP, POLAND HF2017HNY is active until end January. QSL via bureau or via SP2PBM direct.

VE, CANADA XK150YUKON is the special call for the Yukon CanAm Contest Club (VY1AAA) to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation until March 1. QSL via KC1CWF or LoTW.

UA, EUROPEAN RUSSIA Look for **R17TCNY** to celebrate Tambov's status as Capital of the New Year in Russia 2017. Activity until March. QSL via RN3RQ bureau or via UA3RU direct.

XE, MEXICO Radio Club Queretaro (XE1RCQ) is active as **6E0C** until April 30 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Constitution of Mexico, drafted in Santiago de Queretaro by the Constitutional Congress and promulgated on 5 February 1917. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via XE1EE direct or bureau.